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In accounts which do not agree as to detail, several papers January 19 reported discovery recently near Styrian-Carinthian border of two concealed depots of military supplies and weapons. Materiel is said to be of British origin and papers speculate it was either forgotten when occupation troops left, or deliberately stored by British prior to departure for eventual use of guerrilla forces in time of war. The British Embassy reportedly disclaimed any knowledge of the matter.

Independent Kronen-Zeitung, which banner-headlined story, added some editorial comment along following lines. Existence of two depots, which paper suspects are only part of a chain of underground installations in former British Zone, shows that West believes that Austria may some day be overrun by Soviets. Conversely, there is some reason to believe Soviets have "secret underground airfields" in Lower Austria. This in turn shows Soviets do not preclude possibility of return. All of this demonstrates Austria's precarious international situation and necessity strictly to observe neutrality. Paper concludes that "industrial circles" trying to get Austria into EEC, "which is connected with NATO," should take note of this fact.

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